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SUBJECT: MAJOR PROJECT: GRAIN STORAGE

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- 1. MEPD CALLED LEITGEN TO DISCUSS PROGRAM FOR GRAIN CONSORTIUM. LEITGEN INDICATED THAT HE IS WAITING FOR EITHER A FIRM COMMITTMENT TO DDDK AND G THAT THEY ARE APPOINTED AS FINANCIAL CONSULTANTS FOR THIS PROJECT OR AT LEAST SOME INDICATION THAT THINGS ARE HEADED IN THAT DIRECTION. HE IS SENDING TELEXES THIS WEEK TO THE STATE TRADING CORPORATION AND THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE IN AN ATTEMPT TO SPEED UP THE PROCESS. LEITGEN INDICATED THAT HE WOULD GREATLY APPRECIATE ANYTHING THE EMBASSY COULD DO ALONG THE SAME LINES. THE COORDINATING OFFICIAL FOR THIS PROJECT AT THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE IS AMIN HASSAN AND FOR THE U.N. IT IS NICOLAS CONSTANTITIS.
- 2. LEITGEN EXPLAINED THAT THEY (THE SUDANESE) ARE IN A POSITION WHERE QUOTE PAY BACK CLOSELY APPROACHES UNCLASSIFIED

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PRODUCTION AND THEY CAN'T PUT A FIGURE ON PAY BACK WITHOUT ENGINEERING DATA UNQUOTE SO IT IS A QUESTION OF WHICH COMES FIRST. THE SUDANESE HAVE TO MAKE A START SOMEWHERE

AND SO FAR HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO COMMIT THEMSELVES LEITGEN DOESN'T WANT TO MAKE STILL ANOTHER TRIP WITHOUT SOME SIGN OF PROGRESS. MEANWHILE HOWE STUDY HAS BEEN OBTAINED AND ALL CONSORTIUM MEMBERS WILL BE REVIEWING IT IN ORDER TO BE IN READINESS.

3. HAVE ASKED LEITGEN TO SEND LIST OF HIS APPOINTMENTS ON LAST VISIT, WILL PASS THAT ALONG WHEN WE GET IT. HABIB

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